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Question of New Caledonia

Request for hearing

Letter dated 26 September 2000 from Mr. Rock Wamytan, Front de libération nationale kanak socialiste (FLNKS), addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

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(Signed) **Rock Wamytan**
President, FLNKS

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FLNKS attended the decolonization seminar held in Majuro, Marshall Islands, from 16 to 18 May 2000, as well as the meeting of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on 12 July in New York.

Upon my return to Sydney last weekend, I was informed by my assistant that the question of New Caledonia would be considered by the General Assembly in the next few days. I immediately made arrangements to travel to New York to attend the meeting in person. Depending on the availability of flights, I expect to arrive in New York in the afternoon of Thursday, 28 September.

I would like to appear before your Committee and should therefore be grateful if you would kindly authorize me to address the Committee on behalf of FLNKS on Friday, 29 September.

While I am aware of the disruption that such a request may cause to your agenda for 29 September, I nevertheless wish to remind you of how vitally important FLNKS, the representative of the colonized people of New Caledonia, believes it is to be heard by the various bodies of the most prominent organization in the world.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Rock Wamytan
President, FLNKS

The Chairman
Special Political and Decolonization Committee
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